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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, February 7, 2022, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. DEAN).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

Washington, DC, February 4, 2022. I hereby appoint the Hon. Madeleine Dean to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day. Nancy Pelost,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Spirit of the living God, breathe Your grace and love into the business and the busyness of this day.

Make us aware of our breath, that we would inhale the refreshment of Your peace, a peace we do not always, and perhaps cannot fully, understand.

Help us to exhale stress—all the thoughts, nuisances, concerns that overwhelm, terrify, or inhibit our ability to see that You abide with us even still.

May we breathe in Your goodness, allowing it to penetrate the hardness of our hearts and the reluctance of our spirits to live kindly and gently with the people with whom we serve.

Then help us to breathe out our anxiety and aggravations caused by the differences that divide us and the troubles of the world around us.

Enable us to inhale Your wisdom and exhale our pride, to take in Your encouragement, and to push out despair.

Holy God, we invite You into our hearts and minds this day that You would refresh us with the clarity and understanding only You provide.

Breathe on us breath of God. Fill us with life anew. We pray this in the life-giving strength of Your holy name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WOMACK) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WOMACK led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

AMERICA COMPETES ACT TACKLES CHALLENGES

(Mr. SCHRADER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHRADER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the America COMPETES Act of 2022.

This comprehensive bill tackles the challenges everyday Oregonians face right now with supply chain and consequent rising consumer prices. It is a huge investment in our competitiveness on the global stage for the 21st century. It invests \$45 billion to strengthen and improve our supply chains while incentivizing manufacturing of critical security goods that should be made right here in the United States.

As the pandemic has shown us, active ingredients of lifesaving pharmaceuticals and PPE gear should not be all made overseas.

I am also glad that leadership included the \$52 billion in emergency CHIPS Act funding, a priority for my Problem Solvers Caucus and the State of Oregon. Without this Federal investment, our semiconductor problems would only grow worse. We will continue to see critical shortages, hindering a wide range of industries in my district and across the Nation. Passage here will strengthen our domestic supply and lead to good-paying jobs for our citizens and companies as they move to expand and set up our domestic manufacturing facilities.

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